

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006 (the "Office Action"). Claims 1, 4-7, 9-10, 12-16, 19-24, 26 and 28-30 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects Claims 1, 4-7, 9-10, 12-13, 16, 19-24 and 26, objects to Claims 14, 15, 28 and 29 and allows Claim 30. Applicants amend Claims 1, 15-16, 21 and 29 and cancel Claims 14 and 28. For at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claim Objections - Claims 21-22

The Office Action objects to Claims 21 and 22 because they depend upon canceled Claim 17. Applicants have amended Claim 21 such that Claims 21 and 22 depend upon Claim 16.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claim 30 is allowed and that Claims 14-15 and 28-29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 16 to recite elements of Claims 14 and 28, respectively, indicated in the Office Action as allowable. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of independent Claims 1 and 16 and all claims depending therefrom.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application, the Examiner may call Chad C. Walters, Attorney for Applicants, at 214.953.6511.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad C. Walters", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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